

These Hydro sentinels march through Burlington.

Has the original Hydro corridor been discarded?

By Hartley Cole
Has the original Ontario Hydro proposal for a power corridor from Middleport to Pickering been discarded?

Not necessarily, but quite likely. So this newspaper was told by B.H.I., the environmental planning consultants hired by the Solandt Commission to find a better route than the original route Hydro proposed.

The original route of the corridor proposed by Hydro was to have run through Terra Cotta along the south end of Erin and Eramosa townships and then cut diagonally across Nassagaweya township. A station was to have been located near Ballinafad for a North-South hook-up that would run between farms along the Fourth and Fifth Concessions in Esquamaugue to another station south of Milton.

The final decision on the line is going to rest with the Ontario Government which will seriously consider the recommendation from Dr. Solandt as to the preferred route. Dr. Solandt, in his turn, will receive a recommendation from Bill as a result of their studies over the past year. This will be revealed at a press conference at Queens Park Monday, September 13.

Ontario Hydro has also a part to play somewhere in the proceedings but it has not been defined.

The original route was "out" as far as the BHI study was concerned. They started the study fresh, with no preconceived route and came up with four alternative routes, one of which was rejected by Ontario Hydro as being too risky in the event of disaster. However, parts of the original route also appeared in the other three alternatives.

As a result of a public meeting in Acton one of the alternative routes "Q" was modified and considered, and placed on the agenda at subsequent meetings with the public. The modified "Q" suggested the lines should follow 401 Highway and the proposed Parkway Belt on their way through Halton.

Meanwhile, however, at least two proposals from this area have suggested that the original route should be considered. One came in a brief from Milton Council authored by Mayor Brian Best, which argued that when all factors were considered the original route was best. Eramosa township council also suggested it be considered as second choice to 401.

The Milton brief points out a route along 401 would adversely affect the Kelson Conservation area, the Halton County Museum and the proposed provincial agricultural museum to be built at Kelson.

The irony of the situation is that the Halton Region Conservation Authority, which operates the huge Kelson complex, has suggested the 401 route is best and will affect Authority holdings least. They have sent a brief to the Solandt Commission urging 401 as the best route through the county.

So, on the one hand, we have Milton suggesting Kelson would be adversely affected if the corridor went along 401. On the other hand, the people who operate the concern, suggest 401 would be best.

The now almost comic drama extends to nearby Eramosa township as well. The township fired a submission away to the BHI recommending the hydro corridor should follow 401 but which also said that with the exception of Councillor Betty Lou Clark, the council would prefer the original proposal if 401 is not accepted.

This raised some fireworks at a Council meeting last week where one resident and a councillor suggested they were speaking out of turn because the original route had been scrapped. Another farmer affected by the original route said two officials from

Ontario Hydro assured him it wasn't necessarily so. If the routes suggested by BHI are not acceptable, they were reported as saying, the original route was still very much in contention.

This kind of talk from officials of Ontario Hydro, of course, cast doubts on the real role the Bruce Howlett group plays in the final decision for the 610 foot swath of towers and 200 acre substations.

It seems that the BHI request for submissions from the various municipalities is also unlikely to solve anything either. All most affected municipalities request the corridor go somewhere other than their own municipality, the BHI consultants told this newspaper.

Selfish? Maybe. But the spectre of the mass of towers and substation forests, does not bring out the best in politicians. The most perceptive see that if the marching sentinels go through their jurisdiction ratepayers will blame the closest whipping boys at hand which means them. That kind of talk isn't going to help them at the next election.

There's another paradox here, too. We have yet to hear anyone seriously dispute the need for the 500KV corridor. Everybody seems to admit it is necessary but outside of those who have worthless acres they could sell to Ontario Hydro and then rent them back for \$1 a year, the general mood has been "Keep them away from here."

Over 2,500 people in North Halton and the south part of Wellington (Erin and Eramosa townships) signed a petition in a one day campaign, requesting the corridor follow 401 Highway. Even if you acknowledge that some people will sign anything the figure is still pretty impressive.

We wonder if Premier Davis knew the hornets' nest he was going to stir up when he decided the people of the province should have a say in where the heavy duty corridor was to go? He is brave indeed, if he did.

Last week the deputy-reeve of Eramosa suggested that those who opposed the original route were helping out Canada's enemies by denying needed power to industry and farm. At a recent meeting, the Warden of Halton, Anne MacArthur threatened to cut off grants to the Halton Region Authority from Nassagaweya if he endorsed a resolution suggesting the corridor follow 401.

She later retracted and declined to vote on the resolution by declaring a conflict of interest because the line would go through her property bordering the expressway.

The lesson here is obvious. Self interest is not confined to the residents of the townships. It extends into the political arena as well.

Only a few weeks previously Mrs. MacArthur was accusing the "land barons" north of Toronto of using pressure to get the lines off their estates.

With all the sparring over the east-west route of the corridor most people are not aware there are still other corridors which will intersect with the east-west one, the most important for this area being the north-south one originating from the Bruce generating station at Douglas Point.

It is going to take a firm hand to straighten the issues out and decide where that "best" route for the powerful hydro lines will be laid out and it is becoming increasingly difficult to distinguish between what is self interest and what is political expediency.

The final decision must not appear to be autocratic but we fear it will be. And this will defeat the entire purpose of the Solandt Commission enquiry and its child—the BHI study.

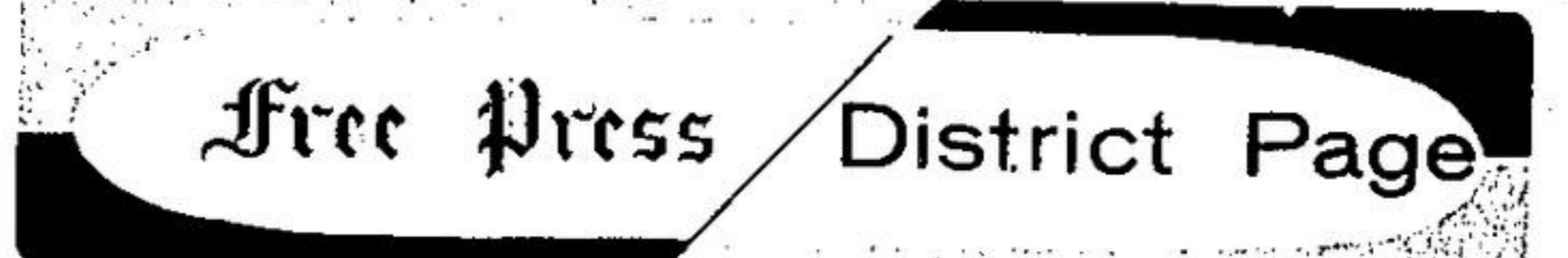
Osprings

Local youngsters attend Bible School at Everton

By Doris Fines
Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Dudnik and family, had as their guest last week, Mrs. Dudnik's sister, Miss Ludmila Miroshnikow, of New York.
Mrs. Dylon Foster of Kalamazoo, Michigan, visited with Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris, on Saturday.
Rev. and Mrs. Gray Rivers and daughter Marla, of Preston, also visited with the Fines'. Mrs. W.C. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson, and Gary, on Sunday evening.
Scott and Peter Howes of Grand Valley, are visiting a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howes.
Susan and Steven Stewart are spending this week at The

People's Ranch, a church camp near Milton, on the escarpment.
Bible school
Mrs. Vernon Stewart was teaching last week at the Vacation Bible School at Everton. Twenty-seven boys and girls from Osprings attended. The theme was "Created by God". The money collected was to be divided between the Canadian Bible Society and the Crippled Children in India.
David and Jim Stewart are off on a holiday to the Western provinces.
Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Fraser and family, accompanied by Mrs. Fraser's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cheyne and family from Acton, spent the week-end at Wasaga.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fisher, Mrs. Fred Archibald, Julie and Judy, enjoyed a week-end of swimming at Wasaga Beach.
Mr. and Mrs. George Lang and Bonnie, and Yvonne Vander Meulen were holidaying for a week in the Peterborough area.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. George Lang, Bonnie Lang, and Yvonne Vander Meulen, spent a few days at Alcona Beach.
Got trouncing
The New York Mets (Osprings) ousted the Cincinnati (Erin) team 9 to 5 in the softball game played at Osprings Thursday evening, but St. Louis (Osprings) got a trouncing by Montreal (Erin) in Erin, 27 to 4.



Limehouse

Music exams, weddings W.M.S. meeting reported

By Mrs. A. Benton
Congratulations to Miss Noelle Noble, local music teacher, who obtained 86 in Grade 6 theory, and to one of her pupils, Jackie Stephens who had 95 in Grade 2 theory.
Mr. and Mrs. Roughley were guests at the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Magid Mikhail at Mississauga on July 29.
Mrs. Wayne Lister and daughters Stephanie and Joanne were hostesses for a miscellaneous shower for bride-to-be Miss Margaret Cress on Thursday evening. Guests included close friends and neighbours. A lovely lunch was served.

Saturday wedding
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Day Denny (nee Mary Lou Brown) who were married in Limehouse Presbyterian Church

on Saturday by Rev. Peter Barrow. The reception followed at the Acton Music Centre for near 150 guests.
Mr. Arthur Knowles of Kelowna B.C. flew home to the Brown's a week ago and was guest at the Denny-Brown wedding.
W.M.S. Meeting
The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. J. Crichton on Wednesday evening, ten attending. Vice-pres. Mrs. Roughley read "Out of this Life" in opening. Scripture from Luke 18 was read by Mrs. Lefterink and Mrs. Kirkpatrick led in prayer. Roll call was answered by a verse of Scripture as was text word "Bondage".

Current events were answered by an article by Canon Jackson upholding the use of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer; a new minister inducted at Georgetown Christian Reformed Church;

Meals on Wheels for elderly and shut-ins by members of St. Luke's Church, Toronto, Rev. and Mrs. Desmond Howard returning to India; Miss Beth Young an August bride; garbage disposal site unlikely here.

Churchill
Churchill Church worship service was very well attended on Sunday August 12. A good number of the Acton Baptist Church friends joined in the service. Rev. A. W. Fosbury's sermon "What Men Live By" Miss Debbie Swackhammer sang. Next Sunday's service is at the same hour—10.30 a.m.

Guests with Rev. and Mrs. Fosbury this week were their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cattell, of Hastings-on-the-Hudson, N.Y. They will visit all their family before returning home.
Mr. and Mrs. Kaylor of Toronto who have their summer home up this way again attended service at Churchill Church.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cooper and family returned home after enjoying a weeks holidays at the Chalet Bungalow Lodge on the French River.

Mrs. William Dobbie enjoyed a week with her sister, Mrs. Frank Humphrey, at North Bay. Mr. Dobbie spent both weekends up there, taking Edna up and going up for her.

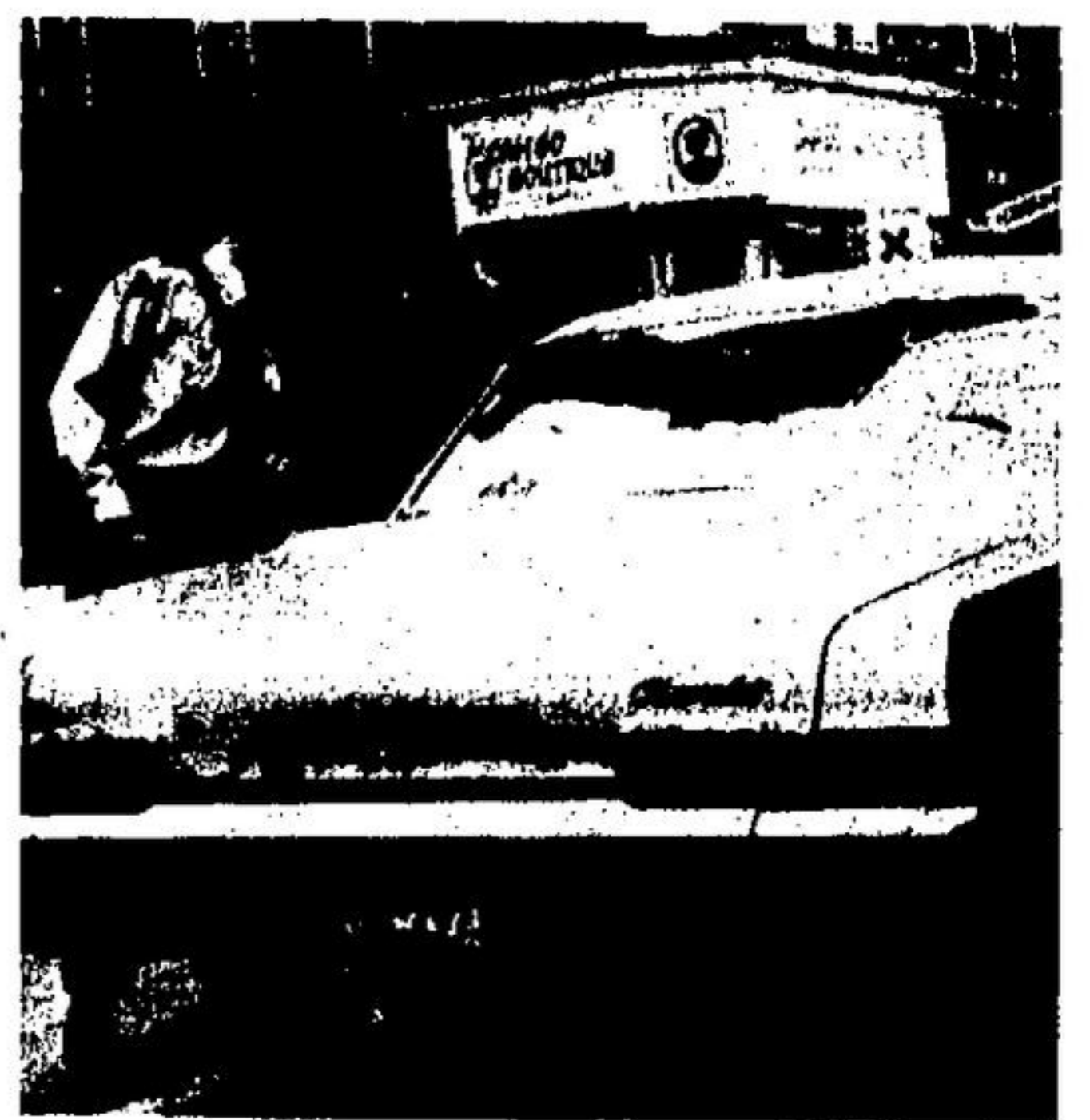
Wesley Johnston of Guelph spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie. Mrs. C. H. Best also of Guelph was a guest at the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy MacArthur and daughter Sharon were with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Anderson, Jim and Carl, at their cottage at Beidwood to help celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary on Sunday.

A memorial service was held at St. Albans Anglican Church on Sunday afternoon for the late Mr. Eugene Ford, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. Ford of Liverpool, N.S., by Rev. H. A. Dawson assisted by Rev. A. W. Fosbury. Mrs. Marie Anderson played the organ.

Mrs. W. J. McDonald attended a family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McDonald at Cooksville last Sunday when 23 relatives came to visit with Miss Janet Nykiforuk of Edmonton who was visiting.

On Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr and Christine visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lindsay, Orangeville, bringing Jeffrey back home after holidaying for a few days.



CONSTABLE PAUL Brown was on hand Friday afternoon when a truck door smashed a back window in front of Pro Hardware. The truck's door sprang open while the vehicle was eastbound on Mill St. and struck the back window of a parked car belonging to Gordon Lott, 345 Westcott Ave. —Photo by D. Pink

Eden Mills

Holiday trips summer news

By Mrs. R. Wright
Mrs. E. Winch and grand-daughter Jackie Winch from Surrey, England have returned home after three weeks as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bould and family.
Mr. and Mrs. James Cunn and family are home after two weeks at Lake St. Joseph.
Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bell and family are holidaying in Winnipeg.
Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sutherland, Cambridge, Golt.
Up North
Mrs. Sarah Gilbertson, Mrs. Wilma Gilbertson, Mrs. Agnes Stillman and Mrs. Agnes Jones are home after a few days holiday at Sundridge.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Wilk Wilson were at Varney Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert McCutcheon.
Mr. and Mrs. Ward Chesworth

and family are back home after seven months in Central Paris and one month in England visiting relatives in Cheshire and Gloucestershire.
Confined to Guelph General Hospital at present are Mrs. Janet McIntosh and Mr. Bud Hill of Eden Mills.
Sgt. David Cunn has returned home after three weeks Leadership course at Trenton Air Base. He is a member of 121 Squadron of Guelph Air Cadets.
Mary Ellen Cunn has left for two weeks at Dor Lake Provincial Girl Guides Camp.

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Record crowd

There was a record crowd of 22,000 at the Fergus Highland Games Saturday, including P.C. leader Robert Stanfield. Events including racing, Highland dancing, tossing the caber and an exhibition by sheep dogs.

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